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H. CON. RES. 297

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 15, 2008

Received and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the
integration of the Armed Forces.

Whereas the United States has always had strong Armed
Forces made up of courageous men and women serving
the ideals of duty, honor, and country;

Whereas the Armed Forces were unfortunately once a place
of segregation of the races;

Whereas despite segregation, minority members of the Armed
Forces, such as the Tuskegee Airmen, who

trained at historic Moton Field in Macon County, Alabama, demonstrated honor and bravery above and beyond the call of duty;

Whereas the bravery and sacrifice of all members of the Armed Forces regardless of race during World War II and prior conflicts is a matter of national honor;

Whereas the integration of the Armed Forces beginning in 1948 was a seminal event in our Nation's history and instilled the democratic ideal of equality in the military; and

Whereas the continued bravery and dedication of every member of the Armed Forces continues to be a source of pride to every American: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress to honorably
 3 and respectfully recognize the historic significance and to
 4 celebrate the 60th Anniversary of President Truman's Ex-
 5 ecutive Order 9981 signed on July 26, 1948 that declared
 6 it to be the policy of the President that there shall be
 7 equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in
 8 the armed services without regard to race, color, religion

- 1 or national origin thereby beginning the process of ending
- 2 segregation in the United States Armed Forces.

Passed the House of Representatives July 14, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

By ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk.